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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM FORMER PRIME MINISTER JA'FARI TO

PRESIDENT BUSH

11. (SBU) Former Prime Minister and current Council of Representatives member Ibrahim al-Ja'fari gave the Ambassador a letter to President Bush on May 23. Full text of the letter is below.

Begin Text:

His Excellency George W. Bush, President of the United States of America

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the courageous positions you have taken in supporting our brave Iraqi people in confronting the dictatorship of Saddam Hussein. I would like to thank you also for your support to the democratic political process which was achieved by our people, hoping for your continued support and backing for democracy, for the continuation of building the political structure and the stabilization of security through the specialized technocrats for attaining the national goals away from sectarian and party allotments.

Your historic responsibility before your nation, our people, and all of humanity calls on you to protect the fruits of democracy in our oppressed country. In this way, you will be sending a civilized message to the world asserting that the will of the peoples must prevail and that their archenemy, terrorism, must be definitely routed.

Your Excellency, kindly accept our sincere thanks and appreciation.  $\ensuremath{\,^{\circ}}$ 

Dr. Ibrahim Aleshaiker al-Ja'fari Ex-Prime Minister of Iraq Member of Parliament May 23, 2005

End text. CROCKER